

Appl. No. 09/801,195
Amdt. dated December 9, 2005
Reply of Office Action of 07/27/2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, claims 20-26, 28-33 and 35-38 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Emile (US 4,367,467) in view of Koika (US 5,406,399) for reasons set forth in the Office Action. Reconsideration of these rejections is requested in view of the amendment and the argument herein.

Claim 20 is amended to specify the relative locations of components of the wall structure, namely, an inside wall and an outside wall which guide the contacting element. Claim 20 is amended further to include the subject matter of its dependent claim 21 which, accordingly, has been canceled in view of the inclusion of its subject matter in claim 20. The dependency of claim 22 is changed to depend from claim 20.

Also new claim 39 is presented, based on subject matter of claim 20 plus further description of the interaction of a supporting element, the liquid crystal cell, the printed circuit board, side walls of the housing, and a second hook element to define a physical structure distinguishable from the teachings of the cited art.

The amended claims and the new claim set forth the novel and inventive features of the present invention. The hooks, as now described, cannot be derived from the cited prior art, since in Emile, the internal and external side walls (52 a, b) are in part 34, and the hooks (72) are in part 38. Also new claim 39 and its

dependent claim 25 require that the hooks are rigidly connected with the respective external side wall. This is not the case with Emile considered alone or in combination with Koika.

In the event there are further issues remaining the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney to reach agreement to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Since the present claims set forth the present invention patentably and distinctly, and are not taught by the cited art either taken alone or in combination, this amendment is believed to place this case in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the matter, enter this amendment, and to allow all of the claims in this case.

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